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## **TAHC Rule Proposals Open for Public Comment**

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting September 21, 2021, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following rules were proposed during the meeting and are open for public comment.

### **Chapter 58, Emergency Response and Management**

The proposed amendments update the disease list reference from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. The name of the international animal health agency is updated to the World Organisation for Animal Health, and "List A" is removed for accuracy and aligns with §161.0415 of the Texas Agriculture Code. The definition of "Emergency Management Plan - Appendix Four to Annex H" is outdated and proposed for deletion. Grammatical and editorial changes are also proposed for improved readability and consistency. The deadline for comment submissions on the proposed rules is November 28, 2021. To view the rule proposal in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/archive/October292021/Proposed%20Rules/4.AGRICULTURE.html#6>.

### **Chapter 59, General Practices and Procedures**

The proposed amendments update the disease list reference from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. The addition of §59.15 is proposed pursuant to Government Code Chapter 661, which requires each state agency to create and administer a state employee sick leave and family leave pool. Grammatical and editorial changes are also proposed for improved readability and consistency. The deadline for comment submissions on the proposed rules is November 28, 2021. To view the rule proposal in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/archive/October292021/Proposed%20Rules/4.AGRICULTURE.html#8>.

### **Chapter 51, Entry Requirements**

The proposed amendments would update disease list references in §51.5 and §51.10 from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. In §51.10, amendments are proposed to control and reduce the incidence of CWD entering Texas, as well as provide clearer guidelines of entry requirements for CWD susceptible species. The proposal would also restrict the movement of CWD susceptible species entering Texas if located 25 miles or less from a location where CWD has been confirmed or as otherwise epidemiologically determined by the Executive Director. Grammatical and editorial changes are also proposed for improved readability and consistency. Additionally, the TAHC proposed a new section, "Enforcement and Penalties," to clarify applicable penalties for violations. The deadline for comment submissions on the proposed rules is December 5, 2021. To view the rule proposal in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/archive/November52021/Proposed%20Rules/4.AGRICULTURE.html#15>.



Comments on the proposed rules must be submitted in writing to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758, by fax at (512)-719-0719 or by email to [comments@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov).

Complete details of the rule proposals are also available on the TAHC website at <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html#proposals>.

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